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REMARKS

Claims 1, 9-13, 15, and 16 remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 9-12, 15, and 16 are allowed. Claim 13 is rejected. Claim 14 is objected to. Claim 14 is cancelled herein. Claims 2-8 are previously cancelled. Claim 13 is amended herein to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 14.

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. 2004/0005937 (Saiz) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,852,039 (Pettigrew et al.). Claim 14 has been deemed allowable but has been objected to as dependent on rejected base claim 13. Applicant has included all the limitations of allowable claim 14 in claim 13, from which claim 14 depends. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that claim 13 be allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 9-12, 15, and 16.

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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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